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A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

ENDORSING THE CANDIDACY OF BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR COMMUNITY OF OPPORTUNITY PROJECT OF GROWING FOOD CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, Brookings County considers agriculture and the preservation of productive farmland to be of utmost importance to the region and considers productive farms and ranches to provide access to healthy food and a strong local economy; and

WHEREAS, Brookings County welcomes technical assistance from the Growing Food Connections program for Brookings County, South Dakota to increase food production, farmland preservation and food security through public policy; and

WHEREAS, Brookings County supports having a venue to promote farmland preservation, agricultural production, and local food security though curriculum, support materials, and other resources, including links to policies, plans, statistics, and literature; and

WHEREAS, Brookings County supports a forum that will engage diverse stakeholders including farmers, ranchers, city residents, local school districts, local governments, public health departments, planners, regional councils, agricultural organizations, land grant universities, and food policy councils; and

WHEREAS, officials of Brookings County feel that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Brookings County, South Dakota to endorse said project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brookings County Commission hereby endorses Brookings County, South Dakota for its candidacy in the Community of Opportunity program of Growing Food Connections, an organization funded by the United States Department of Agriculture.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of October 2014.

Signed

Attest